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## POLITICS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

We give space this week to a communication on a topic of interest at the present time. By so doing we do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of the writer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Parties exist, or should exist, solely in the interest of good government. They differ as to the policy to be pursued to attain such government. Differences of opinion, however, as to policy in the management of national and State matters should give way in the election of municipal officers to the single consideration of what men, by their experience, integrity and judgment, are most likely to conduct the affairs of the town or city to the best interest of all concerned. In the choice of candidates for local office their political opinions should not be the determining factor. Efficiency and character should dictate the nominations. This being so the action of the Democrats in the recent election of endorsing certain Republican nominees is worthy of all commendation and augurs well for the future. I think, however, that it would only be fair and just in case the Democrats endorsed certain Republicans that the latter return the compliment by endorsing certain Democrats. If of exceptional character and efficiency, for other places to be filled. The only way that this could be brought about would be by a definite understanding as to just who would be the choice of the primaries and conventions. This of course could not always be definitely known, although, as shown in the case of the election this week, it is quite possible for the candidates to be foreordained and their election made sure.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Tower, the rival candidates for Township Clerk, are both gentlemen who are fitted to fill the position acceptably. The Republicans, I think, however, would not have been justified in putting up Mr. Johnson as their candidate and then deliberately sacrificing him by voting for his opponent, Mr. Tower, in order to somewhat balance the Democratic endorsement of the Republican nominees for the Town Committee. This would have been traitorous and unjust. If there can be inaugurated a reciprocity in the choice of candidates for local office, and men of standing and influence be agreed upon and elected, Bloomfield will enjoy, as she is now likely to, the great blessing of a good government.

Mayday is hardly two weeks distant—by the almanac. The weather indicates that we are yet lingering in the lap of winter. Snow-covered earth greeted early risers yesterday morning, and a storm that originated in rain in Texas broke over this section with blizzard souvenirs Thursday night. Snow in the middle of April is untimely, unusual, but not unprecedented. Indeed, it is not safe to say that anything weatherly is unprecedented, for there are records of snow in August, thunderstorms in December, and mosquitoes and skating all the year round. This storm, however, has had a distinguished and eccentric career. It started in Texas as long ago as last Monday. It dawdled along in a northeasterly direction, striking Ohio on Tuesday and spreading out as far West as the Dakotas, where, as usual, it snowed and blew, and as far as the Lake region. On Wednesday, there were blizzards in Iowa and Wisconsin; and on Thursday noon the storm struck the Atlantic coast, beginning to rain and turning to snow at night. Altogether, it was a meteorological disturbance of no mean proportions. The fruit farmers are getting ready for a prolonged wait.—Advertiser.

## The Definition of a Crank.

The Rev. H. P. Fleming, of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Orange, says a crank is a donkey. On Sunday last Father Fleming informed his congregation that he received a letter from a crank who claimed to be a good Catholic, but he objected to the expenditure of so much money on an altar. The reverend gentleman said the author of the anonymous letter was certainly a donkey and deserved a thrashing.—Orange Journal.

President Gates of Grinnell College has promised to deliver a lecture shortly in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church. The date has not as yet been fixed.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

An Explanation From Mr. Seibert.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The article in last week's issue headed "The Annual Report" is in many ways misleading. The member of your staff writing the article evidently has not inspected the annual reports of previous years, or he would have found that the same condition of things has existed year after year, and I am persuaded, will exist at the close of this and of every succeeding year.

There have been, and of necessity ever will be at the close of a township business year, liabilities in the shape of unpaid bills or unexpended balances of appropriations with but a comparatively small amount in the treasury. These liabilities are met by the next incoming taxes. Only to go back to the report of the year ending March, 1884, we find liabilities amounting to \$13,967.31. In the following year liabilities were \$9,079.83; in March, 1886, \$8,459.92; in 1887, \$6,509.68; 1888, \$8,331.96; 1889, \$10,222.98; 1890, \$10,959.56; 1891, \$7,546.36; 1892, \$11,523.86. At all these times there were but small balances in the treasury. Taking into consideration that in the year ending March, 1884, the treasurer's account foots up to but \$18,335.84, in the following year up to \$25,617.19, and so on in comparative progression, with this year up to \$58,224.77.

With this in view the liabilities of the report just presented are not at all remarkable. Two large taxes, aggregating something over \$4,000, which were paid in previous years, and were not, owing to certain circumstances, paid in the last year, but are shortly forthcoming and good to the incoming Committee. This considered there certainly exists no cause for alarm. CHARLES L. SEIBERT.

BLOOMFIELD, April 14

## Favors Immediate Improvements.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: I must confess that I was somewhat surprised when I heard of what the Republican primaries had done in nominating Messrs. Stout, Beach, and Oakes for the Town Committee—not but what they are A No. 1 men and have the interests of the town at heart, the confidence of the people, and owing enough real estate to make them interested, if nothing else. Still, I felt that with this "conservative element" at the head things would probably go along in that easy way that they have for years past, and that nothing would be done in the way of improvements. But it was my good fortune to meet one of the "good men and true" of your town the other day, and in the course of conversation he assured me that all of these men were in favor of good roads, and the only question with them was as to the best way of getting them; that they could not do much this coming year with the appropriations made, but would go over the matter very thoroughly and would probably formulate some plan, and at another Town Meeting have some practicable suggestions to make. I hope that may be so, but another year will have gone by, and in addition to the eight thousand sprinkled on the roads as last year, ten thousand dollars more is to be added. I know some who think it a mistake to let even one more year pass that way, but you people who do favor good roads can "keep digging at 'em" until something is done.

There is one thing, however, that the Committee can do, and that is to look after the miserable horse-car service. It is no doubt a convenience to many to ride to Newark, if only every half hour, but why should not the fare be five cents, the same as from Orange? Nothing is paid into the township for this franchise, as I understand it, and the company is allowed to do pretty much as they like. This company would like to extend its tracks to Montclair, and it is a strife now whether it will be they or the Orange Cross-town people who get it—and at a meeting in Montclair at which this matter was discussed, I hear that many favored granting to the company that would pay the most for it.

Does it seem right that this company should have this valuable franchise for nothing? And it is, or will be, very valuable—and not give the town something in return? This new Traction Company have the funds to lay a good road-bed and track and equip it with the best—but would probably say that it will not pay. Perhaps it will not at first, but look how travel has increased on the new Orange line, and it should on this Bloomfield road—perhaps not as much for a while, but you give the people facilities for travelling and see. Let the company compare the receipts now to what they were when they ran electricity here, and they know, and so do I, that the receipts then were largely in excess.

With a Town Committee who mean business, I am satisfied that increased accommodations can be had and this extra five cents saved, which amounts to considerable at the end of the year. I hope that they will see that there is no discrimination. INTERESTED.

NEWARK, April 14.

## Union Prayer Meeting.

Union prayer meetings have been held at intervals since the Mills revival meetings. The next one will be held on Thursday night in the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Governor Abbot has fixed April 22 as Arbor Day.

## AT THE CHURCHES.

## First Presbyterian.

The Rev. H. W. Ballantine, D.D., pastor. Services to-morrow at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 12 M. To-morrow there will be special music with sermons suitable to Easter, both morning and evening; also special exercises in the Sunday-school.

## Westminster Presbyterian.

Services in the new church to-morrow at 10.30 and 7.45. Morning, The Lord's Supper. Evening, Easter Service of Praise, led by choir and chorus. In the chapel, Sunday-school at 12. Young People's prayer-meeting at 7.

All cordially invited. Thursday evening, the Union Prayer-meeting will be held in the church.

## German Presbyterian.

Sunday services: Preaching by the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Seibert, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Prayer meeting, Tuesday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M.

## Park Methodist Episcopal.

Services to-morrow at 10.30 A. M. Sermon on the Resurrection by the pastor, the Rev. R. B. Collins. At 7.30 P. M. Easter exercises by the children of the Sunday-school. Sunday-school at noon. Epworth League Prayer meeting at 6.45 P. M. Leader, Mr. M. Donnelly. Children's Hour Tuesday 3.30 P. M.

## Watseong Methodist Episcopal.

Easter sermons by the pastor, the Rev. Elbert Clement, at 10.30 and 7.30, and Easter music by the choir. Sunday-school at 2.30. Young People's meeting at 6.45. Seats free. All are invited.

## First Baptist.

The Rev. Charles A. Cook, pastor. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Subject in the morning, "What the Resurrection Assures." Evening, "The Symbol of the Resurrection." The annual offering for State Missions will be taken.

## Christ Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Edwin A. White, Rector. Easter Day services: Celebration of the Holy Communion, 7.30 A. M. Morning Prayer with Sermon and Second Celebration, 10.30 A. M. Choral Festival of Sunday-school 3 P. M. Even song at 7.30 P. M.

## Glen Ridge Congregational.

Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Sunday-school at 3 o'clock. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock, opening with service of song.

## Manufactured Ice.

The unpredicted hot wave of last week has created unusual activity among the ice-dealers, causing a demand both for families and tradesmen that is almost impossible to meet. The demand for ice from the ice factory on Newark Avenue was without precedent in its history. The local dealers were waiting their turn all day on Monday and the deliveries were kept up until late in the evening. Mr. Mulr, the superintendent, reported that it was the largest day's business since the erection of the plant. The most anxious patrons for the ice were Messrs. Soverell & Sons of Orange, Higgins Brothers, and the Newark City Ice Company of Bloomfield. In the judgment of many it is only a question of time when all the companies will deliver the distilled water ice. There can be no question about its superiority in every way over the river and lake ice. It is a physical impossibility for it to contain the germs of any disease, as it is absolutely pure, while there is a question about the purity of the ice gathered from the Hudson River and lakes. A reporter visited the works of the Bloomfield & Montclair Distilled Water Ice Co. and was convinced from what he saw that no purer or more healthful ice can be made than is made from the purest spring water distilled, and thinks a visit to these works will more than repay any one for their trouble.

## Burlesque at Waldmann's.

A bright and lively burlesque and variety show will be given at Waldmann's next week by the French Folly Burlesque Company, which has already won high repute among vaudeville patrons. There are many novel and original features in the entertainment, the leading attraction being, no doubt, the ten Jardin Mabilles dancers, who appear in a racy and amusing burlesque of Paris life. In the olio are Fitzgerald and Kelly, two grotesque comedians, who are also clever boxers; Smith and Lord, with a budget of new gags; Lizzie Raymond, a brilliant serio-comic vocalist; the Tanakas, and several others, including clever Sam Bernard, one of the best entertainers on the vaudeville stage. Some costly new scenery shown in the concluding burlesque, "Adam and Eve's Daughter," a laughable skit.

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While the spring's sweet voice is calling  
While we feel her presence nigh  
Tenderly thou com'st and sadly,  
With almost a little sigh,  
Just one instant short dost lie.  
Near the new life beating gladly  
Harming not with warm caress.  
Good bye, winter, say we sadly,  
While the new life beats so gladly;  
While thy cold touch seems to bless  
Falling with thy soft caress. S. F. B.

## The Farmers' Weekly Crop Bulletin.

The weekly crop bulletin of the New Jersey State Weather Service will be resumed for the season of 1892, on Friday, May 6. All interested, and who desire their names placed, on the mailing list, should send their Post-office address, at once, to the Director State Weather Service, New Brunswick, N. J.

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